





## APOLOGY OR COMMIT HARAKIRI

Tokyo, Aug. 8. A former staff officer of the Japanese Imperial Army said today he would meet "any time" a Chinese businessman from Singapore who threatened to force him to commit suicide for alleged World War II atrocities in Singapore.

Masanobu Tsuji, one of the top staff officers who mapped out the Japanese invasion of Singapore and Malaya and who is now a member of the Japanese Parliament, laughed when told by United Press of the threat made by Chuang Hul-shan.

Chuang said in Singapore Sunday before leaving for Tokyo that Tsuji would "have to choose between harakiri and public apology to the people of Singapore" for the alleged atrocities.

### GUERRILLA

"I have heard of Chuang," Tsuji said. "During the war, he was a guerrilla affiliated with the Nationalist in Chungking."

"You can tell him I will meet him any time. But I won't commit harakiri."

Chuang was not available for comment on Tsuji's statement.—United Press.

## 2 Terrorists Killed In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 8. Security forces have killed two Communist terrorists in the Malayan jungles, according to an official communiqué issued today.

The communiqué said a sentry at a base camp of the 5th Battalion, the Malay Regiment, in the Klang area of Johore State, Southern Malaya, yesterday opened fire on six to seven armed and uniformed terrorists seen approaching, killing one of them. The others fled.

A patrol of the 1/8 Gurkha Rifles killed one of three to four terrorists they contacted in the Cameron Highlands area of Pahang State, Central Malaya, on Sunday.

The other terrorists escaped, the communiqué said.—Reuter.

## INDUSTRIALIST DIES IN MILAN

Milan, Aug. 8. Dr Piero Pirelli, the man who provided the tyres for Italy's booming automobile industry, died of heart failure at his home here last night. He was 76.

Pirelli was chairman of the huge Pirelli and Co. rubber firm which branched out from tyres to manufacture all kinds of rubber goods in recent years. A bachelor, he ran the firm with his brother, Senator Alberto Pirelli, who survives him.—United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



# JAPANESE WATCHING SUEZ CRISIS

## Traffic Restrictions Could Prove To Be Windfall

Tokyo, Aug. 8. Japan would become the chief supplier of all markets East of Suez if traffic is restricted on the Suez Canal as a result of the present crisis, Japanese observers said today.

They said a restriction of this sort would give Japan a unique opportunity to gain over Britain in supplying Southeast Asia, China and India.

Moreover, Japan, which hitherto had been handicapped by heavy freight costs, would be able to penetrate the Near East and take part in Egyptian development projects.

These observers said Japan would also be able to enhance her prestige with the Asian-African bloc by refusing to question the ethics of the Canal's nationalisation and by calling for practical measures to ensure its smooth operation.

## MIXED FEELINGS IN US

New York, Aug. 8. The Suez Canal crisis, largely overshadowed in the United States by the increased tempo of domestic politics, is regarded by most Americans as a largely foreign quarrel with possible violent consequences from which they must remain aloof.

But serious-minded sections of the Press and public realise the United States, as a great maritime and oil power, is deeply involved in the dispute.

The spokesman said: "If there is any truth to Press reports that contrabandists have gone as far as Guadalupe, a permanent guard will be set up there."—United Press.

## SCHOOL FOR ADVENTURE

Sydney, Aug. 8. An "adventure school" is to be established soon in Australia for the development of character.

The school, to be modelled on those run by the Outward Bound Movement in Britain, will be held at the National Fitness Camp near Sydney, November.

Organisers say that youngsters will be given the chance to develop themselves through adventure and to assess their abilities in moments of trial.

The programme will include lessons on unarmed combat, cliff, climbing, boating and canoeing.—China Mail Special.

Today, however, the administration must strike a balance between its vital Middle East oil interests, its commitments to its allies and a strong and very vocal pro-Israel section of the population.

The New York World-Telegram today recalled how both parties in the 1948 presidential election campaign tried to outbid each other for the pro-Israel vote. It said the Suez crisis makes avoidance of that kind of "politicking" imperative and appealed for genuine bipartisanship in foreign policy.

Except for a few small groups, scholars and Moslem Americans, the Arab cause has never been able to gather large-scale public or Press support.

President Nasser has received no editorial approval whatsoever for his seizure of the canal. Only positive support has come in the form of readers' letters such as Mohammed Hassen who said in today's New York Daily News, "The canal is an Egyptian waterway, built by Egypt itself on Egyptian territory."

The New York Times published a letter from Mr C. Bradford Waller, professor of ancient history at Yale University, saying: "It is understandable that the United States should be concerned about threatening moves against Egypt by England and France."—China Mail Special.

## APPEASEMENT BLAMED

Washington, Aug. 8. Rep. Augustine B. Kelley (Democrat-Pennsylvania), today blamed what he called the Eisenhower administration's "appeasement" of President Nasser of Egypt for the Middle East crisis.

He said the administration believed that it could "do business" with Nasser "as long as we gave Egypt enough millions of American dollars." He said Secretary of State Dulles' policy towards Egypt was to double whatever offer Russia made.

### Getting To Brink

By thus trying "to buy the goodwill of a bully and a small-time dictator," it was "no wonder we got into trouble."

The administration failed, in "mysteriously" to offer Egypt millions of dollars to build the Aswan Dam and withdraw the offer when "the responsible showed how wrong they were."

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Custom, 8 Cease, 8 Vicar, 9 Sleek, 10 Poem, 11 Rapid, 12 Cutis, 13 Teste, 16 Rest, 18 Brutal, 20 Riser, 22 Stem, 23 Steer, 25 Annual, 26 August, 27 Meant, 28 Order, 29 Teased, 30 Down, 1 Customer, 31 Succumb, 32 Over, 3 Mirrored, 3 Capital, 3 Broads, 7 Silent, 14 Shuffles, 15 Shamed, 16 Rustler, 17 Pageant, 19 Resume, 31 Domes, 24 Judge.

- ACROSS**
- Goad (4).
  - Indicating indirectly (7).
  - Jack (4).
  - Dull (4).
  - Bird of prey (7).
  - Assert (4).
  - Conspiracy (4).
  - Erdite (7).
  - Horizontal (8).
  - Stupid (5).
  - Fabulous female (7).
  - Require (4).
  - Noisy (4).
  - Weeds (7).
  - Accustomed (4).
  - Nigh (4).
  - Abductions (7).
  - Always (4).
- DOWN**
- Colour (6).
  - Discount (6).
  - Mean dwelling (6).
  - Mordens (6).
  - Teacher (6).
  - Tend (6).
  - Fruit (4).
  - Past (4).
  - Numerical (4).
  - Exploit (4).
  - Quiet (6).
  - Last (6).
  - Harch (6).
  - Efface (6).
  - Signal code (6).
  - Treats medicinally (5).



Egyptian authorities check over Suez Canal Company accounts in the company office at Ismailia after President Nasser had made his announcement that Egypt had decided to nationalise the company.—Express Photo.

## ISMAILIA OFFICE TAKEOVER

# Half Peking Budget For Economic Reconstruction

Paris, Aug. 8. Over half of Peking's budget expenditure this year will go to economic construction. This was announced by the Vice-Mayor, Mr Chang Yu Yu, in a budget report made at the fourth session of the Local People's Congress, which opened in the Chinese capital today, the New China News Agency reported.

Investments in industry will centre mainly on consumer goods, Mr Chang added. He listed number of plants to be built or expanded, including a fluorescent lamp plant, a woollen textile mill and a pharmaceuticals plant.

Other factories being built include a glass mill, a lime factory and an electrical machinery plant.

Peking people will have over 1,100,000 square metres of new housing, the Vice-Mayor said. There will be 31 new primary and secondary schools, three sports stadiums and a swimming pool. Hospital beds will be up 35 per cent more than last year, in addition to a new traditional Chinese hospital, he added.—France-Press.

## No H-Bomb Tests In Australia

Melbourne, Aug. 9. The hydrogen bomb will never be tested in Australia, Mr Howard Beale, Australia's Supply Minister, said in an article appearing in Australian newspapers this morning.

### Employees Lose Pay

## SCREENED BY POLICE

Singapore, Aug. 8. The Singapore Traction Company Employees' Union today complained to the police about "Operation Dagger"—biggest police drive against secret society thugs.

The union, in a letter to the Police Commissioner, Mr Nigel Morris, alleged about 30 workers of the British-owned transport company had each lost a day's pay because they had been detained by police for screening while on their way to work.

The letter demanded compensation for these workers.

Mr Morris declined to comment on the union's complaint. He told reporters he had not yet received the letter.—Reuter.

### Manuscript Dated 1382 In Yiddish

The Hague, Aug. 8. The Netherlands Organisation for Pure Scientific Research announced here that it had granted a subsidy to a Dutch library curator to publish a Yiddish manuscript of 1382, claimed to be the oldest so far known.

Mr L. Fuks, curator of the "Bibliotheca Rosenthaliana" of the Amsterdam University Library, discovered the manuscript in the Cambridge University Library. It contains epic poems and is claimed to be over a century older than other known Yiddish literature.—China Mail Special.

Less Reason

A correspondent to the Wall Street Journal, Mr Spyros Slifer, recalled that Britain refused to allow United Nations consideration of the Cyprus problem on the grounds that it was a domestic matter.

Another writer to the journal, Mr Vernon Ward, said the United States did not "call out the Marines" when Mexico nationalised its oil industry and there was still less reason for calling them out now.—China Mail Special.

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## Peace Treaty Negotiations

## NOT OUR FAULT SAYS SHEPILOV

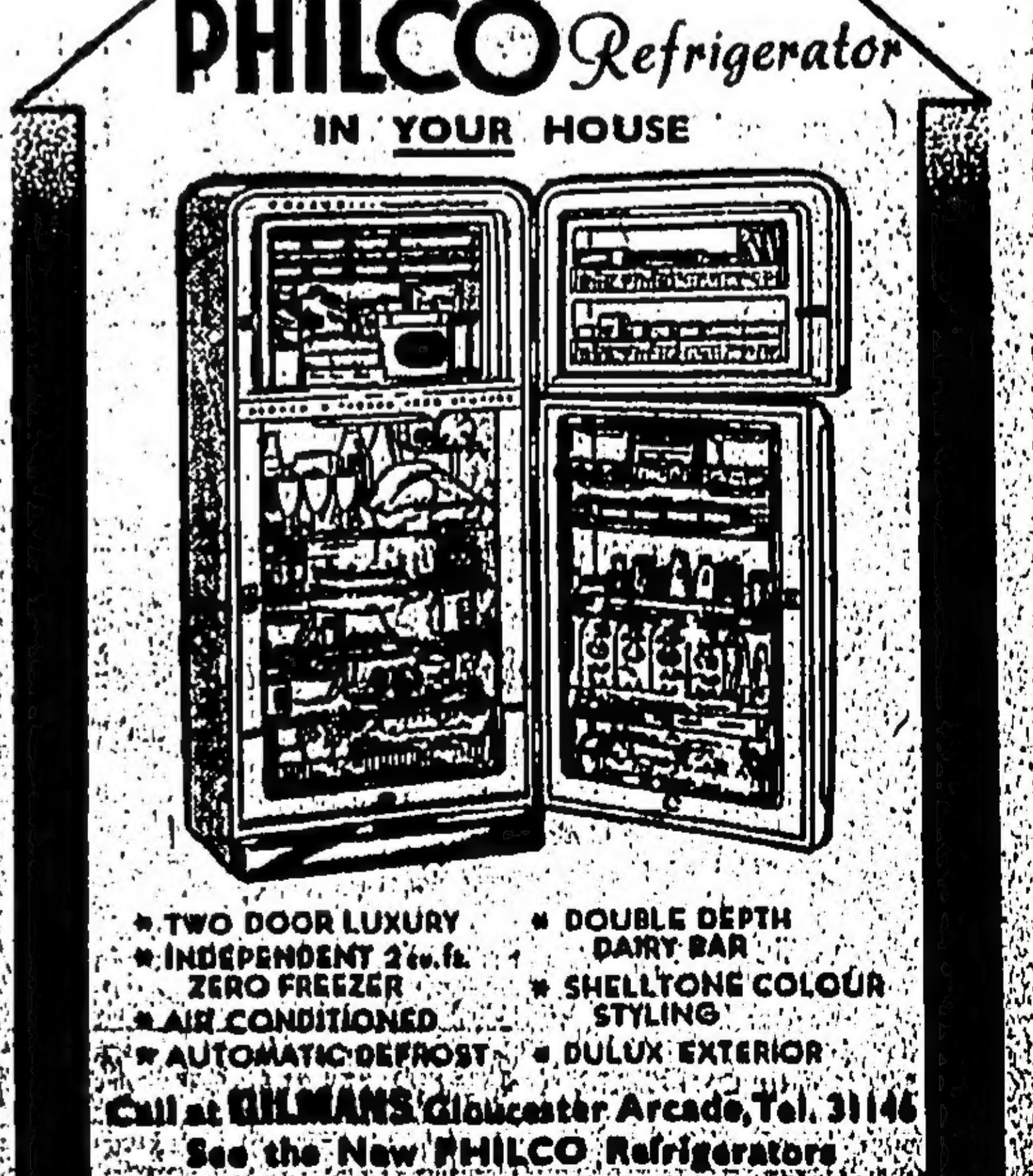
Moscow, Aug. 8. Soviet Foreign Minister D. T. Shepilov told foreign correspondents tonight that "we are sure that there are no obstacles from the Soviet side preventing successful conclusion of the Soviet-Japanese negotiations in the near future and it is now up to the Japanese side."

Soviet press stated, the Soviet position regarding the territorial question is final.

"We have made a great concession on our side which demonstrates our desire to reach a settlement and live in peace and friendship with Japan."

Shepilov was speaking to correspondents at a reception for visiting Indian cultural delegation.—United Press.

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South Vietnamese Government forces arrested 62 rebels, including two women, during the first week of August in a drive to crush opposition along the western border, government spokesman Announcing that 20 rebels were killed in the Government cause.—United Press.

# IN STALINSTADT THERE ARE NO STRIKES

Not With Tommy-guns  
Guarding The Factory Doors

By JACK JONES, MP

The 62-year-old ex-steel smelter who is now Socialist MP for Rotherham. He was Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply, 1947-50.

I HAVE just returned from one of the most astonishing places in Europe — Stalinstadt, East Germany.

It is a new steel town, with 20,000 people. In two years' time there will be 60,000. And Stalinstadt will then have become one of the greatest steel-producing centres in the world — a powerful competitor with our own industry, a fresh menace to the British export drive.

Armed guards stand outside the huge works. There are more of them inside. All carry Tommy-guns.

Their job is to keep an eye on the political and other prisoners employed at the plant.

## Prisoners

Fourteen thousand people work there. How many are prisoners?

I do not know the proportion, but in one department alone I counted nearly 40. Not all have been convicted of political offences against the State. Some are ordinary criminals, for the East German Government prefers to put them to useful work rather than let them sit idle in gaols.

Stalinstadt is absolutely now, less than three years ago there was a virgin forest on the banks of the Oder. Now there are hundreds upon hundreds of beautifully designed flats, a hospital with 800 beds, all equipped with radio and telephone, clinics, research departments and operating theatres with the latest equipment known to science, industrial cafés, or, as we term them, canteens, serving wholesome food in extremely pleasant conditions, with a 12-piece orchestra playing high-class music.

You cannot buy in Stalinstadt a box of matches, a bus ticket, or a cabbage which is not State-produced. Not one solitary shop of concern of any sort is run under private ownership.

The average age of the workers is the remarkably low one of 26. As one German wryly observed: "We have not started building cemeteries yet."

What has become of the very old, or even the 50-60 age group? Many have evidently been allowed to go over to Western Germany. For, of course, they are less useful to the Communists.

Wages are low by British standards. For though many are earning the equivalent of £10 to £12 a week, which may sound fine, their money buys much less than we can get for the same amount.

For example, a packet of 24 Chinese-made cigarettes costs 10s. And to earn 10s, a man in Stalinstadt has to work two hours.

In my own steel constituency of Rotherham many a skilled worker can earn enough in an hour to buy two packets of cigarettes.

The technical equipment of this plant is amazing. To give some idea, there are 28 miles of conveyor belting feeding the great blast-furnaces which are turning out a very high tonnage of quality iron. Every foot of this conveyor is synchronised system is controlled by a youth of 20 in a control room, the like of which I have seen nowhere else in the world.

## Automation....

Automation is not on its way in Eastern Germany. It has actually arrived, and the workers of Britain, particularly in the steel industry, must face these facts. The vital raw material of ore comes from Russia, Bulgaria, Russia, China, North Korea and East Germany itself, with coke and coal in tremendous quantities from Poland.

The economics of Eastern Germany are, in my opinion, hopelessly integrated with the Communist countries of the East. This in itself must be a tremendous factor to be reckoned with when talking of the reunification of Germany.

Outwardly, things appear, in a material sense, not too bad.

Religion, contrary to many statements, is still practised, but my observation led me to conclude that only the older people are going to church.

Political indoctrination of the children is intensive.

The fields are green in East Germany. Wild roses abound in every hedgerow. But what is going on inside the minds and hearts of the East Germans can only be revealed when they are free to express their convictions at the ballot box in an honest election.

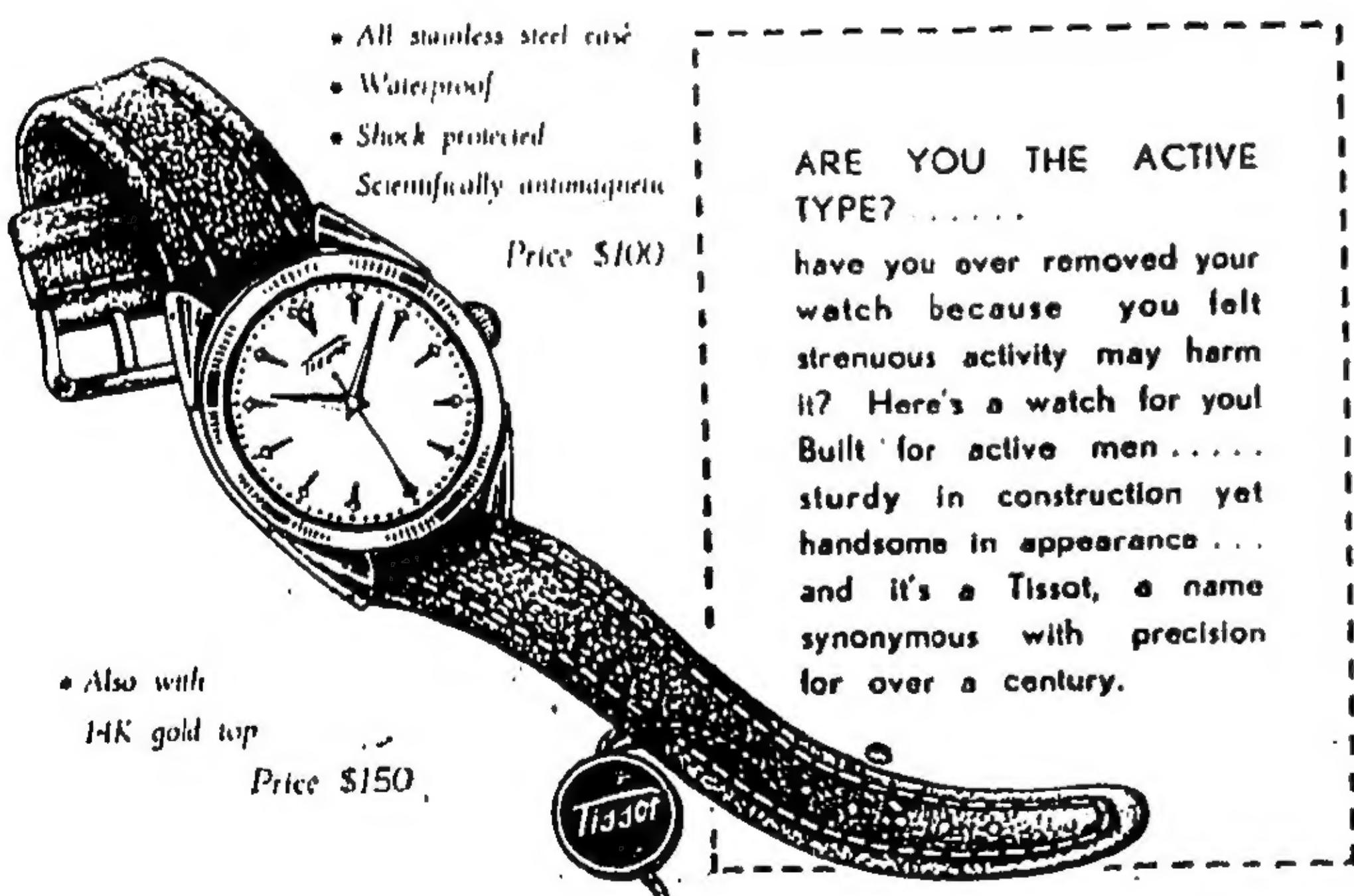


## The town that is not yet on the map

Less than three years ago Stalinstadt — still not on the world's maps — was a virgin forest. Today it contains 20,000 workers. In two years it will have 60,000... and by then it will be one of the greatest steel centres of the world.

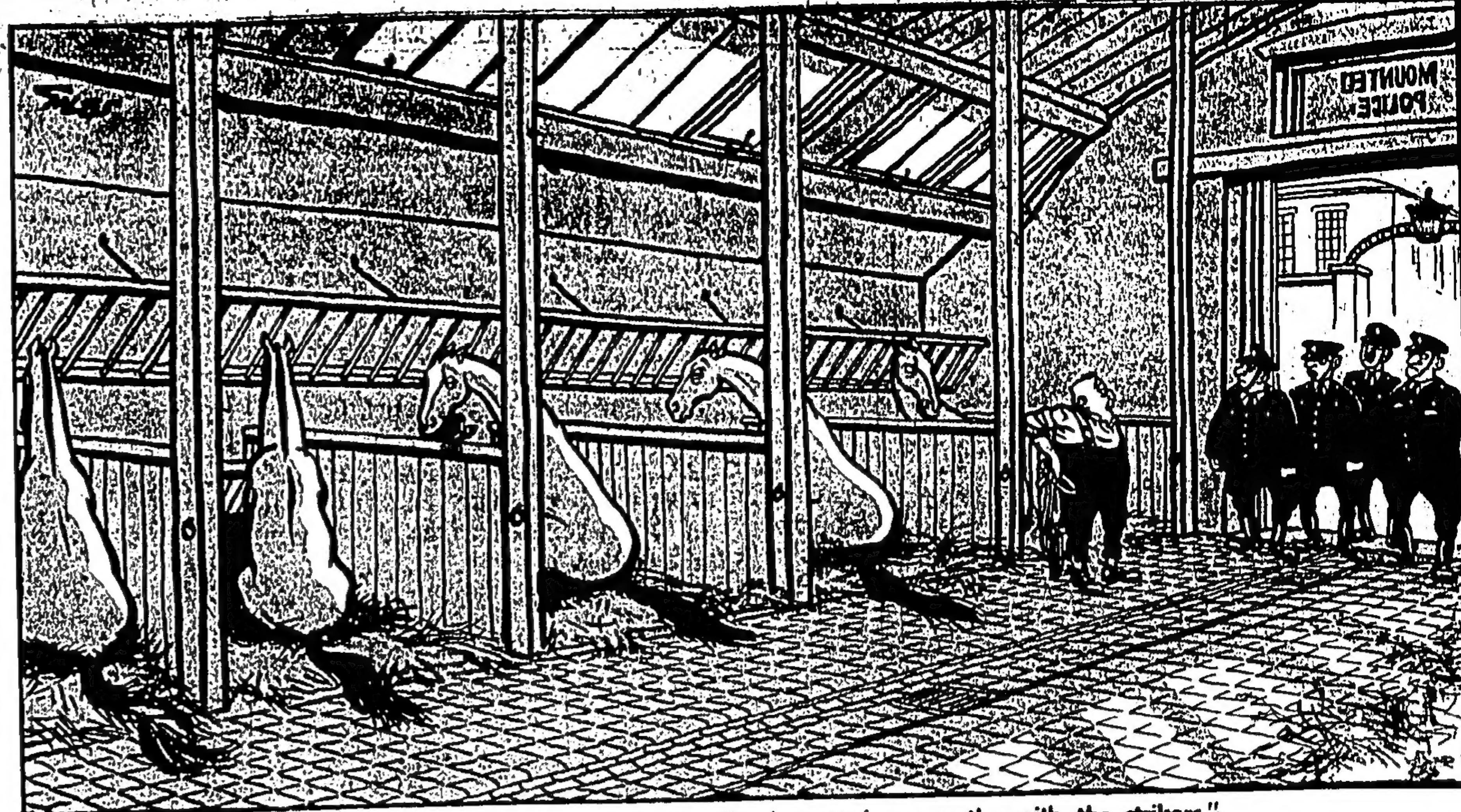
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## What! His Centenary Already?

# STILL TOO EARLY TO JUDGE SHAW

By MILTON SHULMAN

**I**T seems almost superfluous to be commemorating the centenary of the birth of a man who has been dead less than six years. We have hardly had time to forget the obituaries.

By living until he was 94, Bernard Shaw has, even from the grave, succeeded in ridiculing another obscure, quondam and outdated convention. His shades should be heavy with glee at the heaps of adulation and depreciation that will be chuckled over his memory over the next few weeks.

Centenaries made sense when three score years and ten was a respectable span of life. It provided a generation of reflection and discovery to intervene before new judgments were passed on a man's reputation.

But two new books published exactly 100 years after he was born — "Bernard Shaw," by St John Ervine (Constable 50s), and "Jesting Apostle," by Stephen Winter (Hutchinson, 21s.) — reveal only that we are too

close to this mountain craftsman whose plays are of contradictions and energy already so dated they are almost quaint. These are the two contemporary doses of "Waiting for Godot," "Hulu Clos" or "Look Back in Anger."

To a generation moaning about its lack of opportunity to rebel and coddle itself in the death-wish aura of existentialism and resignation, Shaw's godding optimism is almost an affront. "Never stagnate," he shouts. "Life is a constant becoming; all stages lead to the beginning of others."

"What a bore!" reply the young queuing up for another dose of "Waiting for Godot," "Hulu Clos" or "Look Back in Anger."

Nor has Shaw's current reputation been helped by his ardent well-wishers who adventurous? Not Congreve, prematurely set out to raise Sheridan, Wilde, Galsworthy, or £250,000 for a memorial fund Pinero, O'Casey, O'Neill or and found that the public would Williams.

## THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

"and testament in the presence of us who in his last word in the presence of each other all being present have subscribed our names as witnesses."

8. Georgeie Wurle. Married woman  
22 Compton Avenue, Luton, Beds.  
Shaw & O'Casey, Martin P. Ke  
22 Compton Avenue, Luton, Beds.

*Signature of George Bernard Shaw*

Shaw's signature and those of his witnesses.

contribute no more than £407. They miscalculated the resentful British public felt at the thought of a man leaving a fortune to a crank scheme for reforming the alphabet. Had he left it to sailors or stray cats, they probably would have forgotten him. But the English language! The man's barnacles!

Now have well-meaning efforts to revive some of Shaw's least important plays done him much good. That is to convince anyone of Shaw's greatness as a dramatist with productions of "Misalliance," "The Millionairess" and "The Apple Cart" is like trying to establish Shakespeare's reputation with "Two Gentlemen of Verona" or Sheridan's with "Pizarro."

## His attacks

Another obstacle blocking Shaw's claim to greatness is the rubbish-heaps of nonsense he wrote with intent to provoke, stimulate and explode his contemporaries, cut of their self-complacency.

His adulation of Mussolini and Stalin, his specious attacks on vivisection and vaccination, his plan for the extermination of misfits, are mental copers his disciples will find difficulty in explaining. They are the exuberant egotism of a man who prefers a noisy, outrageousness to an ignorant silence.

"I shoot into the air more and more extravagantly without any premeditation whatever," he wrote in 1934, revealing that he, at least, did not take himself too seriously.

But his forceful, sometimes violent disagreements with Shaw's political and philosophical views does not prevent him from summing up: "It is hard to believe that G.B.S. will outlast like a brief candle. Somewhere, in the corridors of time, his name will still burn brightly and steadily."

In his comprehensive biography, St. John Ervine has made an admirable effort at balancing the pros and cons of Shaw's volatile and tireless personality.

Having been a close personal friend, he now argues with him on paper much as he must have done when he was alive. "One reads with amazement this astounding passage," he writes, "Ervin's talk about Russian communism. 'Could G.B.S. have written it or was it slipped into the text by an enemy?'

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# INTO THE BLACK NOON

By LES ARMOUR

**T**HREE is something sinister about the gilded missile — a tiny speck hurtling along at such a pace that its sound is left far behind it. At such a pace, even, that the eye could never follow it.

It is intended to bring death more swiftly and, in conjunction with the hydrogen bomb, to spread it more widely than any machine ever invented by man.

It is a weapon against which, up to now, no defence has been evolved.

At the same time, there was something immensely fascinating about the film of the latest missile shown this week by the makers and the Government.

The missile, appropriately, is called Thor and the

film looked like something out of a space comic. A camera attached to Thor's nose gave you the impression of literally sitting on the missile as it reached up through and beyond the space remains.

The use of a ramjet also tells its own tale. It is the first such missile ordered by Britain. And it means that the ramjet is now developed to the point where it can take over from the much more costly rocket. It is the simplest of all engines and works by spraying liquid fuel into air incredibly compressed by the movement of the missile itself. The fuel and the air then produce an expanding gas which drives the missile forward again.

At first, the clear blue of the sky and sight of the earth dropping away like some great stone dropped by the gods gave the film a kind of funfair atmosphere. Then the sky grew dark; finally only the round ball of the sun and the orange flash of the ramjet glared out of the black.

How high does Thor go? No one will say. But the makers say it flies "well above the heights" normally reached by aircraft — and the dark sky tells its own tale.

Perhaps, however, Thor will never have his peaceful uses. Letters leaked into Thor, for instance, could be delivered in London in two hours — if somebody could find a way of slowing Thor down at the right place.

One other fact has been released. The missiles travel so fast that many of them pass beyond the scope of the instruments on the testing range and have to be exploded in mid-air to keep from coming down in the wrong places.

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## • BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

CAPTAIN FOULENOUGH has discovered a way of getting into the bar at London Airport without going through the Customs.

He carries a battered suitcase covered with hotel labels, and has been known, according to a barman, to have flown in from Karachi twice in one day. Occasionally he poses as a Customs officer off-duty, and in civilian clothes. "It is an easier way," he said yesterday, "of getting a drink when you want it than becoming an M.P. and the company is a great deal pleasanter and more varied."

### A smart youngster

Boys are very quick to seize any chance of avoiding work. (A schoolmaster.)

THERE was a boy at Harrow in my time who, during a minor epidemic of measles, sent a telegram to his parents: "Send for me at once. We are dying like flies."

**Full in court**

CROSS-EXAMINED by Mr Tinklebury Snapdriver, Mr Eugene Colhouse said he was

## • JACOBY ON BRIDGE

East Is Given Chance To Err

By OSWALD JACOBY

PART of the art of playing bridge successfully is the ability to make a careless play at the right time. Harry Phipps demonstrated this principle in a recent game in the Experts Room at the Regency Club in New York.

I doubled five diamonds with the North cards, expecting to defeat this contract and fearing that we had already reached our limit. My impression was correct, since we would have beaten five diamonds and shouldn't have made five hearts, but Phipps was certainly justified in bidding five hearts.

West opened the seven of spades and I put the dummy down apprehensively. This didn't look like a favourable opening lead.

Harry looked at the dummy for a fraction of a second and carelessly played the six of

NORTH (D)			
♦ QJ 10 9 6 5			
♦ 4			
♦ Q 9 3			
♦ A K 8 5			
WEST			
♦ A ♦ 8 3	♦ A K 5		
♦ A ♦ Q 6 5 4 2	♦ K J 10 6 5		
♦ J 9 0 2	♦ Q 10 4 3		
SOUTH			
♦ A ♦ 4 3 2	♦ A K Q J 10 7 6 5 2		
♦ None			
♦ 7			
Both sides vul.			
North	East	South	West
Pass	1 ♦	1 ♠	5 ♣
Double	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♦ 7			

spades from the dummy at the first trick. This was the key play of the hand. The play had to seem careless and therefore had to be made quickly, without emphasis and without apparent thought. This is a tough combination.

The East player stared at the seven and six of spades, checked the remaining spades in the dummy, shrugged his shoulders, and played the five of spades. This allowed West to win the first trick with the seven of spades.

Now West was dead as a doornail. He couldn't prevent South from discarding a spade on dummy's second high club, after which the contract of five hearts was unbeatable.

If Phipps had played one of the higher spades from dummy at the first trick, East would have been forced to win with the king. East would naturally continue with the ace of spades, and West would show out. A spade ruff would then defeat the contract.

East should have put up the king of spades at the first trick in spite of South's brilliantly clever play from the dummy. In my book, however, Phipps gets the credit for giving East a chance to go wrong.

### WORD Sense

Q.—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

North: East: South: West:

1 Heart: 2 Diamonds: 7

You: South: hold:

AK J 7 6 5 Q 6 5 4 3 ♦ A J 4 3 ♣ 3

What do you do?

—Bid three hearts. The high-card strength is a little skimpy for this force, but the distribution is excellent.

**TODAY'S QUESTION**

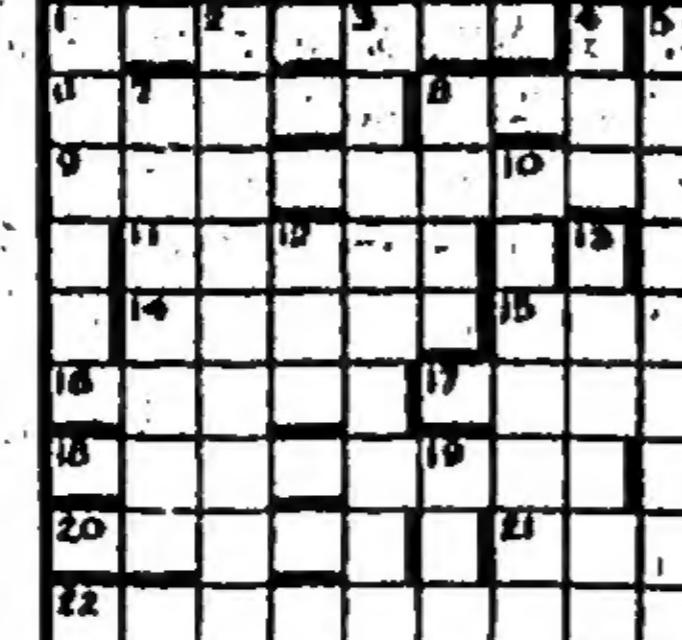
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South: hold:

AK Q J 8 7 Q 7 6 5 4 3 ♦ A J 4 3 ♣ 3

What do you do?

Answer: Tomorrow

## CROSSWORD



1. Leisure may be a space for these (11)  
2. It was a dwelling place a long time before B Down. (6)  
3. Who describes the town council? (9)  
11. Good one does a similar turn (6)  
15. On a more or less (6)  
16. Travellers never stop here for a meal! (6)  
17. In the theme (4)  
20. Once more, or a win. (6)  
21. Allowed in a palette. (6)  
22. Dear thing (name) (6)

Down:  
1. On this the calm is held over. (6)  
2. It is a rainy 8 Down. It is said. (6)  
3. A decimal may be this. (6)  
4. The girl in prevail. (6)  
5. Line at the Dee outside. (6)  
7. His mixture is the rung. (7)  
8. This column is about finance. (6)  
10. It is part of **WILSHIRE**. (6)  
12. It is the sum of all our mortalities. (13)  
13. This can be a bore! (6)  
19. Progressive part of a certain kind. (6)

an amateur contortionist, not a professional.

Snapdriver: It is your hobby?

Colhouse: No.

Snapdriver: Then why do you do it?

Cocklecarrot: That is a lending question, Mr Snapdriver.

Snapdriver: I will frame it in this way, then. For what reason do you do it?

Colhouse: It is spontaneous.

Snapdriver: Must there be a pillow to my head?

Colhouse: Where else could I put my head?

Snapdriver: Please answer Yes or No.

(Howls of laughter in court. Fruit is thrown. An usher gets a tomato on the jaw.)

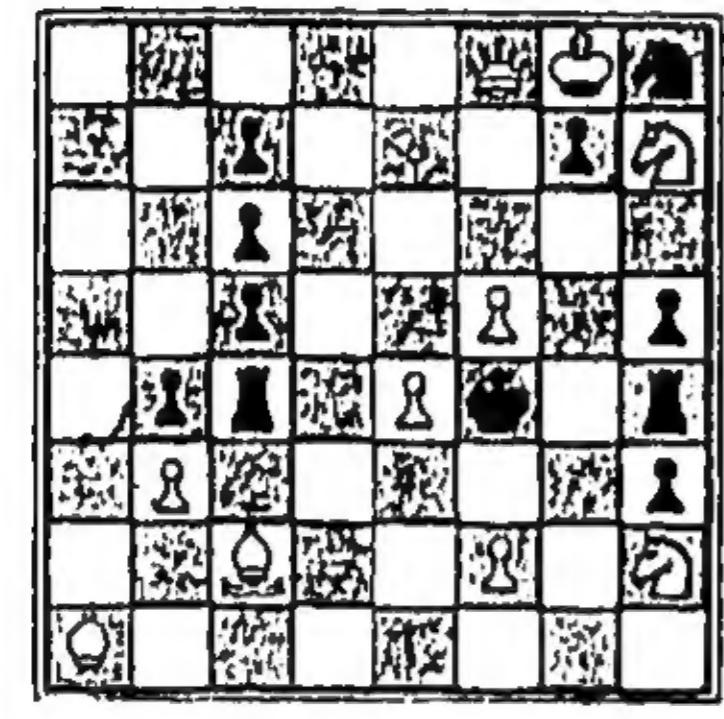
### Book review

The Measurement and Classification of Resistant Nebulae, by Elié Latorche. (Lutter and Wall, 70s. net.)

MISS LATOUCHÉ's publishers have evidently put the wrong title to her extremely amusing account of a bicycle tour through Surrey. Or is this a publisher's joke, in not very good taste?

### CHESS PROBLEM

By A. CASA  
Black, 11 pieces



White, 10 pieces.

White to play mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION. **WHITE**: **1. R-KB5**, **1. R-K1**; **2. R-K1 (ch.)**, **1. R-R2** (ch.) **2. R-KB4** (ch.), **1. R-K2**; **2. K1-B6** (ch.). **ORIGINALLY** (i.e. circular) **orca rubric**.

### YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

BORN today, you have a keenly analytical mind which can follow through from an original premise, analysing cause and effect and evolving an ultimate termination. You have a high sense of humour and are exceptionally adaptable. You could adapt yourself to almost any kind of an environment. Just make sure that you are not too passive when it would be more to your advantage to fight against the obstacles. You are not one to push yourself forward, but you will need to be a little more aggressive if you are to get what you want out of life. Once you have learned this, you will put your best foot forward. There are few heights of achievement to which you may not legitimately aspire. You are a fine conversationalist. Just learn to talk about yourself a little more!

You feel deeply yet are not inclined to be sentimental. You are capable of a deep and lasting love in youth; you may be something of a flirt—characteristic which does seem a little out of character. But you are fond of many people, and are not afraid to mix with them. You are not afraid to make mistakes, nor to admit them. You have a strong desire to please everyone else and devote your entire life to pleasing the one you love.

Fond of music, you should have talent on some instrument. You are socially adaptable and may find, at times, that your social life tends to interfere with your duty. Don't let this happen.

Among those born on this date are: John Dryden, poet; Sara Teasdale, poet; Clark Bow and Dorothy Jordan, actresses; Leslie Wiliams, Walter Wanger, film director; Francis Scott Key, lawyer and author; and Solomon Laurent Junesu, founder of Milwaukee, Wis.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—You may be more than ordinary adventure-some in idea and in deed with good chances for success.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Personal relationships count when you take into consideration the prospects for your advancement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Keep your eyes out for a good opportunity. Then be sure to take advantage of it at once. Be aggressive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Combine social and business affairs to the complete advantage of both.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A friendly day, so take full advantage of the pleasure it will bring. Friends are important to you now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Important matters have priority now, so don't waste your energies or interests on anything else.

### This Funny World



## THE CHINA MAIL, THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 1956

## WOMANSENSE

### The Winter Silhouette Has Natural Curves

With a unanimity rare in postwar couture collections, London's Top Twelve designers have renounced fashion distortions and returned to a natural, feminine line which is wearable and flattering

#### By PATRICIA DOUGLAS

A SLEEK, flowing line, hugging the figure in truthful curves, is the winter outline decided by London's "Top Twelve" couturiers.

The reed slim skirts persist but they are frequently softened by floating back panels, or large, folded box pleats arranged to resemble panel.

In some evening dresses, and more formal afternoon dresses, the narrow outline is preserved in front, only to spread out in cunningly-controlled fulness at the back. In more extreme styles this back fulness cascades over a strongly-defined bustle, stressed by immense bows or intricately-wrought gathered panels confined at the hipline and then falling free in a veritable cataract of material.

The waistline is marked, but where belts are used they are very narrow rolled leather or slim shoestrings of self-material.

Skirts are quite short—15 or 16 inches from the ground—and usually formal evening dresses show a disturbed hemline, day-time length in front and swooping down to trail the ground for ten or twelve inches at the back.

Black, this season's favourite colour with most designers, was widely used here for daytime ensembles, and there was much "off-black," in daytime wear—dark cedar greens, blackberry red, and deep, thunderous purples. In the evening, however, the accent is on brilliance; every shade of red from camelion to deep ruby; blues ranging from delicate aquamarine to dark sapphire; and a glorious scintillating saffron yellow. The return to full-length evening dresses, very narrowly skirted, with cascading fulness at the back, was most strongly marked at this house.

Michael Sherard introduced the Svelte Line, a gentle, sinuous curve from shoulder to waistline which ran all through the collection. Occasionally the narrow curve was released in knee-high plies, and there were a few multiple-gored

Milwaukee, Wis.

to him. So I went up to him and I asked him what he was doing in our town."

"What did he say, Picky Poo?" asked Knarf.

"He said he was looking for anybody."

"Looking for anybody?"

"That's right—anybody. I never heard of a dog looking for anybody, did you? I heard of dogs looking for somebody or someone, or some person."

"But who is anybody?"

"Neither Knarf nor Hanid could say who they thought anybody might be."

"Well," Picky Poo went on. "I didn't know he'd ever find anybody by just sitting on the curb next to the ash can, so I stopped wagging."

So Picky Poo said: "This is what happened. I met him sitting on the curb next to the ash can. He certainly looked unhappy."

"Who did?" Knarf asked.

"Hanid," said Picky Poo.

"It was a dog," said Picky Poo.

"But he's not much of a dog," said Knarf.

"It was a pup," said Picky Poo.

"It was white and thin," said Knarf.

"It was a puppy," said Picky Poo.

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# ANYTHING BUT LUCKY JIM

By ALEX BANNISTER

How much did Laker, due to appear on his home ground the day after smashing almost every Test bowling record, lose from the August 1 total wash-out?

Surrey's opponents were the Australians who, despite their modest record so far this tour, still pull in the crowds—they are roughly only £8,000 down on the comparable period in 1953. A fine day might have meant a 25,000 crowd, and a modest bob a time would have produced a collection of £1,250.

Surrey allow their beneficiaries three collections during the season, and obviously there are peak times to take them. Unlucky Jim's benefit game with his native Yorkshire in June was also spoilt by rain. Surrey's secretary estimated that Laker was about £1,400 down in his takings for the Yorkshire game.

## THE GAMBLE

He could have made up for that with a Golden Day on August 1. But instead of penuries from heaven it was getting rain—and there you have the gamble of the cricketer's benefit.

The actual match was a definite benefit not the main source of income, for the players had to pay all the match expenses and those of the corresponding away fixture as well. Benefits

are in many cases highly organised affairs run by a committee and including evening and Sunday matches, dances and competitions. Subscription lists swell the total.

The top class professional can do well, particularly if he is backed by enthusiastic helpers, but while the Test cricketer thinks in thousands there are others who are grateful for hundreds.

Sometimes, however, there are serious flops—Laker has had many disappointments in his Sunday matches this wet summer—and one disgruntled long-service player, when told he had been granted a second benefit, replied: "Sorry, but I can't afford it."

## TAX FREE

What happens to money brought in for the lucky bene-

**They had bumper benefits**

Cyril Washbrook, Lancashire captain, and England batsman, holds the benefit record with £14,000 in 1948.

iciary? Normally a trust committee is formed, and the money is invested. This is a wise precaution which serves the best interests of both club and player.

One great advantage of the cricketer's benefit is that it is tax free—thanks to the courage of James Seymour, a Kent player, who died in 1930.

At Canterbury, in 1920, he took a benefit worth £2,000 and later appealed against the assessment for income tax. He took his case to the House of Lords.

## HE WON

The then Lord Chancellor (Viscount Cave) said that the question to be answered was: "Is it in the end a personal gift or is it remuneration? If the latter, it was subject to tax; if the former, it was not."

Seymour won his appeal. But for the incentive of the benefit many players would be lost to the game. Contracts and payments differ from county to county according to the size and wealth of the club, but the average professional has to be re-filled with around £500 a year from cricket. It is up to him to augment this modest sum by salary and he is free to earn what he can for the rest of the year.

Only the stars make big money out of the game. Their county contract is the foundation of their income which they boost in a variety of ways—newspaper articles, books, TV appearances, lending their name to cricket equipment, and advertising.

This is the age of the cricketer-business man, who, in some cases, employs an agent.

## Twenty-Eight Competitors For Channel Swim

London, Aug. 8. Twenty-two swimmers from various countries, including Sweden, Denmark, India and the United States are training at present at Folkestone for the Bill Butler "Channel Marathon," due to start from Cap Gris Nez on Sunday evening.

The Egyptians swimmers, including last year's winner, Abdel Latif Abou Jell, have been barred from the cross Channel race by its organiser, holiday camp king Butler, because of the Suez Canal crisis.

A total of 28 swimmers are due to take part, 18 men and nine women.

India is represented by Mihir Sen, 27-year-old Calcutta lawyer who abandoned during last year's marathon after swimming for 11½ hours.

The winner of the race receives a cup worth 1,000 guineas and the first man and woman each receive a cash prize of £500.—France-Press.

## Sports Conference In Peking

London, Aug. 9. A North Vietnamese sports delegation led by physical culturist Mr Tran Chi-hien arrived in Peking yesterday for a sports conference at the invitation of the Chinese Physical Culture and Sports Commission, the New China News Agency reported today.

The visitors were also much faster than their opponents, particularly the wingers Chu Win-wah and Mok Chun-wah.

Left-wing Mok Chun-wah, scored South China's first goal in the fifth minute of the game during a melee at the Singapore goalmouth.

Centre-forward Yiu Cheuk-yin had crashed a rising shot that hit the upright and dropped into play. Mok pounced on the ball and slammed it past Singapore goalkeeper Leo Fook-ting.

**MISSING PENALTY**

Three minutes later, Mok was tripped in the penalty area but

right-winger Chu Wing-wah missed the spot kick.

After the interval, South China replaced Chu Wing-wah with Yeung Wai-tao.

Shortly after the resumption, Singapore was awarded a penalty but failed to score.

South China's second goal came in the 57th minute of the game when Mok Chun-wah intercepted a pass from the right and slammed the ball home at point blank range after ousting a Singapore defender.

South China is expected to leave on Friday for Saigon to play three games before returning to Hongkong.—Reuter.

## South China Humbles Singapore Civilians With A 2-0 Win

Singapore, Aug. 8.

Hongkong's South China soccer team beat a strong Singapore Civilians XI by two goals to nil before a crowd of 5,000 at the Jalan Besar Stadium tonight.

South China, who returned to Singapore this morning after a successful series of exhibition soccer games in Medan, led 1-0 at half time.

Despite soggy ground conditions caused by a sudden tropical shower, South China players had spectators on their feet by their excellent ball control and positional play.

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## THE GAMBOLES

BY BARRY APPLEY

Now we can start our holiday tomorrow as soon as we put the bags in the car.

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# THESE STANDARD MEDALS WOULD NOT BE AT ALL EASY TO WIN

By "RECORDER"

Standard Medals for athletic achievement are now an institution in quite a few countries. The Amateur Athletic Union of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland awards such medals and if one is not up to the standard of an AAA Standard Medal, there are also available Area Standard Medals, County Standard Medals and even Juniors' and Youths' Standard Medals.

The general idea behind the award of Standard Medals stems from the fact that the standard in some events can reach such a high level that some outstanding athletes who only a few years ago could have been AAA Champions are today unable even to reach an AAA final.

A notable case is that of a man that they were born in these two countries.

## EASIER FOR A FINN

The situation in the distance run has so reversed in the past few years that there are today English runners who will never get international honours who would be an almost automatic choice for the Finnish or Swedish national teams were they born in the Swedes.

Two books, one an annual effort and the other published every Olympic year, have come out recently which give some very startling pointers to what can be regarded as international standard.

The first of these is the World Sports 1956 International Athletics Annual, compiled by the Association of Track and Field Statisticians, and the second the 1956 edition of the ATFS Olympic Handbook, produced by the ATFS and edited by D. H. Potts and R. L. Quickeham.

The Annual gives the 100 best performances of the year in each standard athletic event and the Olympic Handbook gives some 150 best all-time performances in each standard event.

An appended table gives the 100th best all-time performance in each standard event and the 100th best performance in 1955.

If the IAAF were to decide to award First Class and Second Class International Athletic Standard Medals on the basis of performances within the best 100 of all time and the best hundred for a particular year that would be a very costly project.

The Annual and the Olympic Handbook step in to make "honorary mention" of those who would qualify for such Standard Medals.

## AN EYE-OPENER

A peek into these two books would be an eye-opener for quite a few people who discuss athletics and know very little about the standards of today.

Only recently a sports columnist in one of Britain's national dailies suggested that Britain's promising junior AAA 100 Yards Champion John Young had "run himself into Britain's Olympic team."

As John Young is undoubtedly Britain's best sprinter at the moment and the Olympic ideal is far from being represented in every event, I thoroughly agree that John Young should go to Melbourne, more so for the fact that he is young and a very keen athlete.

But the suggestion that John Young is in world class is probably embarrassing to John Young himself. Eighty-two men ran the distance in 9.7 seconds or faster in 1955, 92 men had run the distance in 9.5 seconds or faster by the end of 1955. The all-time world list now numbers more than 100 men faster than 9.5 seconds.

There are some 250 Americans alone who have run the 100 Yards in 9.6 seconds or faster in the history of organised amateur athletics in the United States.

## SOME MORE

Some other eye-openers:—

★ Nine men have now run a mile under four minutes. By the end of 1955 129 men had run a mile under 4 minutes 10 seconds. Last year 62 men succeeded in ducking under 4:10. The great Jack Lovelock of New Zealand, an inspiration to scores of Commonwealth Milers, now ranks 80th on the all-time list with his 1933 world record of 4 minutes 7.6 seconds.

Glen Cunningham, an inspiration to scores of American Milers, now ranks 49th with his 1934 world record of 4:00.7. The once incomparable Sydney Wooderson now ranks 21st on the all-time Mile list with his best of 4:04.2 in 1934.

Does anyone remember Luigi Beccali of Italy, who was Olympic 1,500 Metres Champion Los Angeles in 1932? Jules Ladoumegue of France had been the first man to break 3 minutes 50 seconds for the 1,500 Metres with 3:49.2 in 1930. When Lou Jones ran the 400 Metres in 45.4 seconds at Mexico City last year, the general cry was that such a performance was possible only in a rarefied atmosphere at a high altitude. The great "Hustling Herb" McKenley who witnessed Jones perform at Mexico City, remarked after the race, "Now I have seen everything."

When Lou Jones ran the 400 Metres in 45.2 seconds at Los Angeles on June 30 this year, there were quite a few remarks about the richness in oxygen of the California air.

Nobody stopped to think that the same California air has always been there. Perhaps the best note on which to conclude this article is one of disagreement with "Hustling Herb" McKenley—"We have seen nothing yet."

## SOVIET LIFTERS SET TWO WORLD RECORDS

Moscow, Aug. 8.—Two world weightlifting records were set up in the Soviet Spartakiad Olympic trials here today.

Featherweight Evgeny Minayev pressed 114 kilogrammes to beat the previous record of 113.5 kilogrammes, held by Viktor Korzh, also of Russia, and in the Lightweight Division Kavil Khambudinov pressed 123 kilogrammes to beat his own record by half a kilogramme.

Another world record was broken in the shooting competition when Anatoly Tikh scored 395 points at 300 metres from a prone position to beat the previous world small-bore shooting record held by S. Langen, of Finland, by two points.

The Spartakiad, embracing all Olympic sports, ranks as final trials for the Soviet team for Melbourne.—Reuters.

## How Fast? How High? How Far? For An International

The standard in international athletics is so high these days that a High Jump of 6 feet 4 inches or a Shot Put of 50 feet is not really an international class performance. Undoubtedly, many an athlete who cannot achieve these performances gets his international colours, but only in those instances where the nation he represents is very weak in some particular event.

The table below shows the 100th best performance of all time in each standard athletic event at the end of 1955 and the 100th best performance in each standard athletic event last year. It is suggested in the accompanying article that the IAAF could issue Standard Medals — first and second class — to those who achieve these marks. The tables show, only too clearly, that it takes a very good performance to be considered even a Second Class Athlete.

	100th Best —All Time	100th Best In 1955
100 Metres Dash	10.4s.	10.7s.
200 Metres Dash (around a turn)	21.2s.	21.0s.
400 Metres Run	47.2s.	46.8s.
800 Metres Run	1min.1.5s.	1min.0.5s.
1,500 Metres Run	3min48.0s.	3min1.8s.
One Mile Run	4min29.3s.	4min13.5s.
5,000 Metres Run	14min24.8s.	14min20.2s.
10,000 Metres Run	30min23.0s.	30min0.6s.
3,000 Metres Steeplechase	14.3s.	14.7s.
110 Metres High Hurdles	52.8s.	54.3s.
High Jump	0ft 7 1/4ins	0ft 18 1/2ins
Pole Vault	14ft 0 1/2in	13ft 0 1/2in
Long Jump	24ft 10 1/2ins	23ft 10 1/2ins
Hop, Step & Jump	49ft 0 1/4ins	48ft 4 1/4ins
Shot Put	52ft 0 1/4ins	50ft 11 1/2ins
Discus Throw	(10.00m.)	(15.53m.)
Hammer Throw	105ft 5ins	158ft 11ins
Javelin Throw	(50.43m.)	(48.43m.)
	182ft 1 1/2ins	178ft 3 1/4ins
	(55.51m.)	(54.36m.)
	228ft 8 1/2ins	219ft 2 1/2ins
	(68.71m.)	(66.82m.)

## Declared "Finished" But Len Phillips Signs On For Poole Town

By ROY PESKETT

Little more than a month after receiving a cheque for £4,000 from the Football Association as compensation for "total disablement," Len Phillips, of Portsmouth, who played for England at wing-half and inside-forward, has signed for Poole Town, the Western League club.

Phillips, injured while training with the England team for the game against Scotland early last year, was declared totally unfit after being under treatment for more than 12 months.

The company under which players and officials engaged in FA matches are insured admitted liability, paid the player, and gave a cheque for £15,000 to Portsmouth.

The other night I read out this phrase in the insurance cover note over the telephone to Mr Len Matchan, Chairman of Poole Town:

"In respect of professional footballers it is agreed that total disablement shall be deemed to cease when the insured person is capable of playing matches as a first-class player."

Mr Matchan chuckled. "Yes, we've read that too," he told me, "and we have still signed him, and feel that he can play for us."

## HE'S CONFIDENT

"We feel that when the company admit full liability, and settle the financial details, then the case is finished so far as they are concerned. If the player recovers and is able to play after that, then we feel he is fully entitled to do so."

"Another thing," said Mr Matchan, the man behind lively little Poole, "it could be taken that as Poole Town are a non-Football League club, we do not play first-class football."

"Phillips is a good boy, is fully confident of being able to play, and we are looking forward to seeing him in our team. And, anyway, Portmouth had retained him before they agreed to transfer him to us."

The Football Association will be able to review the position when the form containing the name of "Phillips L." which in effect has already been erased from the FA's roster, reaches Lancaster Gate for registration.

From Len Phillips, the man planning a comeback, to some players whose outlook is clouded for the August 18 kick-off.

Fulham manager Frank Osborne is not looking forward to an anxious Friday. After breakfast, he takes goalkeeper Ken Hawkins for a specialist's examination which could decide whether the South African will play football again.

Then Osborne dashes to Waterloo to meet the boat train bringing home Bedford Jozard, badly injured during the recent Football Association tour of South Africa.

Jezzard, top Fulham scorer, with an aggregate of 130 League goals in five years, also goes to a specialist for an examination of his fractured tibia. Broken ankle, and damaged ankle ligaments.

"Will he play this season?" all Fulham is asking.

Unlucky Hawkins has just returned from a holiday in his native South Africa. Last season, after being signed at a big fee from Clyde, he broke his jaw in his third League game.

Then, having a try-out in a reserve game against Charlton, he was hurt again, and he still suffers from ligament trouble in his left ankle.

Training—Thursday, August 17, 9 a.m.—Salisbury Road.

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# TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## Lewis Attacks US Federal Maritime Board

Washington, Aug. 8. The United Mine Workers President, Mr John L. Lewis, has warned the American shipping industry that Federal Maritime Board failure to approve the break-out of 30 Government-owned "mothballed" Liberty ships to carry coal overseas "might warrant the re-vamping by Congress of the whole maritime policy" of the United States.

Mr Lewis appeared before the Board as a director of the newly-formed American Coal Shipping Company, which is seeking to charter the 30 Government ships.

Mr Lewis said the vessels in the reserve fleet were built with taxpayers' money, and should not be sold "for relatively small number of companies who operate them in fair weather and put them back in mothballs when it rains again."

Mr Ralph Casey, President of the American Merchant Marine Institute, Inc., said his organisation, representing a substantial segment of the shipping industry, was vigorously opposed to the new concern's application.

He termed it a "hit-and-run proposition", with the underlying purpose of subsidising the coal industry at the expense of the Government's reserve fleet.

## Hongkong-UK Rubber Footwear Reciprocal Agreements NOT WORKING AGAINST THE PUBLIC INTEREST, MONOPOLY INQUIRY FINDS

London, Aug. 8. A Government report recommended that members of a trade association who together manufacture more than half the rubber boots and canvas footwear sold in Britain, should cease a number of trade practices held to operate against the public interest.

The report also devoted considerable space to trade practices relating to imports from Hongkong and outlined reciprocal agreements between the Association of Hongkong Rubber Footwear Importers here, the Association of Hongkong Rubber Footwear Exporters and the Hongkong Rubber Manufacturers Association.

The report did not find that the existing arrangements between the Association of Hongkong Rubber Footwear Importers and certain exporters and the Association's restrictions on the admission of new members operated or might be expected to operate against the public interest.

"But," the report added, "if the scope of the reciprocal agreements was greatly extended, the position should be re-examined."

## US Domestic Picture Buoyed Investor Confidence

New York, Aug. 8. A favourite domestic economic picture buoyed investor confidence today and stocks surged ahead as much as \$5 a share or more in moderate active trading.

Good earnings reports, a score of dividend increases and a raft of bright economic forecasts overshadowed a touchy international situation brought on by the Suez seizure.

Oil companies with Middle East operations led the market higher. Gulf jumped almost \$6 and Shell rose \$5.

Metal, aircraft and specialty issues also showed numerous gains of \$1 to \$4.

Railroads improved but they lacked the vigour of industrials.

The biggest block was a 19,000-share traded in Paramount Pictures.

### Total Sales

Total sales on the New York Stock Exchange came to 2,480,000 shares.

On the American Exchange, Louisiana Land & Exploration closed with a gain of \$3.25. At one time it was up almost 7.

Metal shares once again starred on the big board.

International Nickel ran up 8.25 and Keweenaw 2.15. Gains of 1 or more appeared in Anaconda, Alcoa, Aluminum and American Smelting.

Automotive stocks firmed. So did steel, with Bethlehem and Youngstown up more than 1 each.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,600,000. American Stock Exchange volume was 1,700,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing average were:

20 industrials ..... 161.74  
20 rails ..... 161.31  
20 utilities ..... 71.06  
20 stocks ..... 163.31

some futures index

Comm. spot price index

Moody's Index ..... 419.50

### Closing Prices

Alden, Inc. Act.	\$194
Allied Chemical	111%
American Airlines	241/2
American Motor	241/2
American Smelting	162/4
Anti-Sugar Ref.	102/4
America's P. & H.	102/4
Anacarde Copper	102/4
Atenco Steel	102/4
Airport, Inc.	102/4
Baltimore & Ohio	102/4
Bendix Aviation Corp.	102/4
Benguet Cons.	102/4
Bentley Steel	102/4
Bessie Aeroplane	102/4
Borden (The) Co.	102/4
Burroughs Add. Machine	102/4
Canadian Pacific R.	102/4

### MEXICAN COTTON PRICE FIXED

Mexico City, Aug. 8. The official price of ginned cotton was fixed at 80.8 cents per kilogram (2.2 pounds) for tax purposes, by the Finance Ministry today.—United Press.

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### WORLD COTTON MARKETS

New York, Aug. 8. Cotton prices rose sharply on speculative short covering near the close today after moving irregularly throughout the day on a higher than expected government crop estimate.

At the close, the list ruled 12 to 30 points higher. The market opened three to eight higher. New Orleans closed 14 to 27 points higher.

The market opened firm on overnight price fixing but all eyes were turned toward the crop estimate at 1500 GMT.

The market closed at 1460-GMT to allow for the estimate with prices unchanged to seven points higher. It reopened at 1515-GMT with prices nine lower to one higher.

The Department of Agriculture reported the prospective cotton crop for this year at 13,522,000 bales. This was well above 12.9 million bales anticipated by private concerns.

The report dropped prices to net losses of as much as 50 cents a bale.

Trading was slow throughout the afternoon and prices firm, but the most distant deliveries rose sharply near the close on speculative short covering which met only limited offerings.

Certified stocks: 5,437 baled down 538 from yesterday.

Month Volume Open Interest

Oct. 8,000 202,700

Dec. 4,000 330,100

March 4,000 330,100

May 3,000 63,000

July 5,400 12,000

Total 55,000 1,495,000 bales

NO. 1 RRS

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Dec. 34.75

Standard contract

Sept. 34.26

Dec. 32.22

March 31.75

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Rex contract

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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

## RAILWAY LOVER

THE trouble with George seems to be that he has not out-grown the longing to be an engineer-driver that most men remember from boyhood, and most boys seem prone to still, despite the attractions of space-ships and jets and the nationalisation of the railways.

George caught sight of the advancing litter, jumped off the engine and ran. The litter gave chase and caught him.

Next morning at Clerkenwell, George was charged with trespassing on railway property.

HE MIGHT HAVE . . .  
"I WAS quite willing to go away," he said, "they detained me."

That was taken as a plea of not guilty, and the litter who had discovered William went into the witness-box, and told what he had seen and heard the night before.

Letting the steam out like that might have killed someone," he said, "it would have blown the head off anyone in the way."

He stood down, and George's turn came to speak: "Don't see I did anything wrong," he said. "I just walked in. No one challenged me."

That was all his defence, and the case was found proved.

"Anything known?" asked the magistrate, Mr E. G. Rooley.

REMAND

THERE are ten previous convictions," said a police man. "They are all for larceny or taking and driving away."

A litter, checking an engine, saw him first, and took him to be a lobsiger. For George was walking around another locomotive, tapping it gently here and there with a hammer.

As George seemed to be doing no great damage, and might even be doing some good, the litter let him be. But a few seconds later a whistling scream of escaping steam announced that George had carried his explorations a step further.

A CHASE

THE litter rushed towards the engine from which the sound came. To his horror he saw it was one that had on a full head of steam, had the brakes not been on, the engine would have careered from the sheds.

On its footplate, with one hand on the regulator, looking as if he were wondering what to do next, stood George.

## "Operation Nursery" Begins Today

London, Aug. 8.

Hundreds of British wives and families of civilian technicians manning installations at the Suez Canal zone base will begin flying home tomorrow in a special airlift, it was announced here tonight.

Sir John M. Duncanson, Chairman of Suez Contractors (Services), the organisation maintaining former British military installations in the base, said up to 900 people would be involved in the airlift. It would be known as "Operation Nursery."

The first aircraft was due to arrive at 10:30 p.m. at London Airport to a heavy artillery, three light and two heavy anti-aircraft brigades.

Sir John Duncanson said: "In and a naval aircraft group, composed of 48 Sea Venoms jet measure we are not issuing fighters and Gannet submarine-chasers."

The troops are reinforcements for the British forces normally stationed in the Mediterranean, which total an estimated 40,000 to 50,000 men in Cyprus, Malta, Libya and Gibraltar.

In addition, a large group of Canberra medium bombers flew to Malta on August 2. All the troops are being transported by three aircraft carriers, requisitioned freighters and an "aerial ferry" composed of long-range Britannia, Viking, Hemingway and Tudor transport planes. Two hundred planes have been put at the disposal of the Transport Ministry for the airlift, which will begin at dawn on August 10.

—France-Press.

Egyptian Assets

Geneva, Aug. 8.

Britain and France have made representations to Switzerland regarding Egyptian financial operations through Swiss banks, a well-informed source stated here today.

The British and French Ambassadors have had talks at Grimentz in the Canton of Valais with the Swiss Foreign Minister, Max Petit-Pierre.

The two ambassadors drew M. Petit-Pierre's attention to the extent of the control measures taken in London against Egyptian assets, and the British Ambassador, Sir Lionel Lamb pointed out that Britain considered that Egyptian financial activities through the intermediary of Swiss banks was "not particularly friendly."

Since the Swiss Federal Councillors are at present on vacation, it is not considered likely that any immediate decision would be taken regarding the problem, and it is expected that Switzerland would await the outcome of the London conference on August 16 before taking any final steps.—France-Press.

Reinforcements

London, Aug. 8. British reinforcements of troops and equipment for the Mediterranean will continue to head for the troubled area until August 18, well informed sources disclosed today.

Between August 5 and August 18, the British Government will have sent six battalions of infantry, one brigade

of engineers, one field regiment and a whistler and play at being a railway guard.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I haven't been idle a day during our vacation—it's bridge, the beach, the hairdresser's or movies!"

## Stevenson

## Annoys

## Southerners

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Same News Twice

Sir.—You stated recently that you had not published the result of a Test match, as the information had been given in your earlier morning edition (S.C.M.P.) and readers did not want to read the same news twice.

Can you please tell me—  
(1) On what basis you assume everyone buys both papers?  
(2) On what basis you judge what articles people wish to read twice, and how the long articles often published twice within a few days are of more interest than the Test result?

(3) How many more times will we read that the same person in Australia won the same skin, on the same reptile, in the same sweep? And is this NEWS?

## INQUISITIVE.

P.S. Are we so interested in a Jordan/Iranian frontier incident on 1st August that we want to read of which party the Commission blamed, twice in the same paper on the same day?

It was not the result of the Test match, but the description of the play which was repetitious. It is a fair assumption that the great majority of China Mail readers buy a morning paper. The duplication of the Jordan-Iranian story mentioned above was quite unintentional and is regretted.—Ed., China Mail

## WALK-OUT DANCER

Senator Sam Ervin of North Carolina told reporters he thought delegates from his state would not walk out on the Party though some southern states might. Any large walk-out he said, could cost Mr Stevenson the nomination.

Mr John S. Bell, chairman of the Georgia Democratic Committee, said: "I shall not now cast my vote for Mr Stevenson. He committed a stupid blunder which ultimately may well deny him and to the Democratic Party victory in the presidential campaign."

Mr Stevenson's statement dismayed many of his northern supporters who felt that he had only to keep silent on the issue to obtain a first ballot nomination.—Reuter.

## Railwaymen To Strike

Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 8.

The 80-strong Malayan Railwaymen's Union will go on strike tomorrow in support of better wages and working conditions, a union spokesman said today.

The general manager of the railway company said the railway administration has drawn up plans to cope with the strike.

The train service will go on as usual except for minor delays, he said.—Reuter.

## MASSACRE THREAT

Damascus, Aug. 8. Abdul Rahman el Baliki, secretary general of the Bahrain "Supreme National Movement", said today that the Bahrainis in the protectorate and destroy British oil installations should Britain participate in military action against Egypt.

He told a press conference the Bahraini nationalist movement aimed at unification of the Persian Gulf Emirates with eventual participation in an Egyptian-Syrian Federation when such is realised.—United Press.

## Boy's Fatal Fall

St. Moritz, Aug. 8. A five-year-old Egyptian boy was killed near here yesterday in a fall down a steep slope.

He was Ashraf Ezz el Din, 3 years old. He was playing with several other children near the Kulm Park under the supervision of the family nurse when he slipped, rolled down a steep slope and broke his neck.—United Press.

## MARSHALL BACK

Mr. David Marshall, former Chief Minister of Singapore, arrived back from Japan this morning by Pan American Airways. He will be adviser to the Singapore Trade Mission when it goes to Communist China later this month.

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## Murder Charge: A Further Remand

Quik Pah-chee, 30-year-old Malayan-born Chinese, charged with the murder of the Hongkong barrister, Mr A. J. Clifford, was remanded for two days in Police custody by Mr Hinsching Lo at Central this morning.

Det. Inspector J. Howarth applied for the remand.

After granting the application, the Magistrate instructed a Malayan interpreter to tell the accused of the remand.

(At the first hearing three days ago, Quik, who spoke English, had asked the Court for a Malayan interpreter.)

When this was done, Quik nodded and raised his hand in acknowledgement.

Quik was accused of stabbing Mr Clifford in Des Voeux Road Central, outside the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, last Saturday.

The Courtroom was filled with spectators.

Here is an idea which is catching on in parts of Britain and is worth passing on.

Long playing records are fairly expensive things and most people find that they cannot afford to buy all the discs they would like to have. In order to hear as much as possible of the music they like several groups of music enthusiasts, mostly youngsters, have organised record clubs. Here's how they work.

Each member has to show five LPs in order to be accepted.

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## Aged Woman Killed

A private car knocked down and seriously injured a 68-year-old Chinese woman in Yam Chau Street at 6 p.m. yesterday.

The pedestrian, Yeung Yan, of No. 185 E' Block, Li Cheung Kok Village, succumbed to her injuries after admission to Kowloon Hospital.

A 60-year-old woman, Lcung Sue-yee, was knocked down and seriously injured by a motor-cycle in Nathan Road at 9.17 a.m. yesterday. The woman, an employee of the Kowloon Public Mortuary, Waterloo Road, is now receiving treatment in Kowloon Hospital.

A private car hit an eight-year-old Chinese boy in Queen's Road, West, near Hill Road at 8.15 p.m. yesterday. The boy, Lee Bing-sun, of 24, Hill Road, ground floor, sustained serious injuries and is now detained in hospital for treatment.

In this way the members of the club hear more music than they would be able to afford in the normal course of events and they also hear new slants on the music.

I see no reason why such a club should not be formed in Hongkong and if any of you are interested I would be pleased to hear from you.

One thing to bear in mind, of course, is that you would have to be able to entertain the rest of the club when it came round to your turn, and that means that you would need, at the very least, a good record player.

I would suggest twenty people as being the ideal number for such a club. If that way you would be able to hear a new LP each week for over three months before it came round to you and in that way you would meet certain artists who perhaps you would normally not hear at all.

## OTHER RECORDINGS

Do not imagine that all the recording activity in America is concerned with the production of potential hits. A great deal is done in the studios of transcription libraries who turn out many large discs every month and send a copy to all their subscribers in all the 48 States and in almost every part of the world.

There are also a considerable number of commercial recording studios who specialize in such records as are required for sponsored radio and TV shows.

The things that are done with some of the more familiar classic and "pop" melodies would turn your hair. One studio, in Britain, mark you, has produced a commercial jingle for a detergent to the tune of "Knees Up Mother Brown". You can hear this on one of the local broadcasting frequencies, if you wish!

More recently a TV show in America has incorporated into their programme a song called "Once in Love With Amy". The only trouble is that in the TV broadcast the song will be called something entirely different and will extol the virtues of a certain dessert. The new version of the song will end with the word "Jello" instead of "Amy". Such is progress!

## LOCAL NEWS

Very soon now a big record name will change hands. A local company has been producing three kinds of 78 rpm discs, most of them very popular numbers, and now the word is that the control of the company is going to pass to an out-of-town concern.

This will not mean that Hongkong will cease to be a producing centre as far as records are concerned but it does mean that one most amiable individual who has been connected with recorded music in the Colony for almost as long as I can remember will be severing connections with the business. It is a shame and I wish him well. At the same time, I hope the people who take over have the same right and bright ideas as he had.

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